(ii) All failures/disruptions are thoroughly analysed and follow-up action taken.

(iii) Refresher training is organized on a regular basis for safety critical category of staff.

Proposal for Mega Cities

†536. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have sent the proposals for declaring their cities as Mega Cities;

(b) if so, the names of these cities; and

(c) the efforts made by Government thereon, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There were requests from Chief Minister of Gujarat and Chief Minister of Kerala for inclusion of Ahmedabad and Thiruvananthapuram respectively under Mega City Scheme.

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities, cities having a population of 40 lakh, as per 1991 census, were included. Since both Ahmedabad and Thiruvananthapuram were not having a population of 40 lakh as per 1991 census, these two cities were not included under the Mega City Scheme.

Mega City Scheme has since been subsumed under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) launched by the Government on 03.12.2005 for providing reforms linked Central assistance for select 63 cities. The scheme includes Ahmedabad and Thiruvananthapuram.

Environment in big cities

537. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects formulated and being implemented by Government for improvement of environment in the various small and big cities of the country during the last three years;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.